Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, and 9 by rewriting same to read as follows and cancel claims 11 and 12, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 13-17.

--1. (Three Times Amended) A network system comprising:

a terminal device including a slot for inserting and ejecting a memory device that stores information for user authentication; and

a network server connected to said terminal device via prescribed communication means, wherein when said terminal device detects that said memory device is inserted into said slot, a request for authentification is sent to said network server by sending said information for user authentication and information about terminal specification to said network server, and said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification is stored in said network server for future communication with said terminal device when said network server authenticates the user, and said network server converts information to be transmitted to said terminal device used by the user into conformed information conformed to said terminal device used by the user, and transmits the conformed information to said

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terminal device.

—4. (Three Times Amended) A network system comprising:

a terminal device; and

a network server connected to said terminal device via prescribed communication means, wherein when said terminal device detects that said memory device is inserted into said slot, a request for authentification is sent to said network server by sending said information for user authentication and information about terminal specification to said network server, and said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification is stored in said network server for future communication with said terminal device when said network server authenticates the user, and when there is information to be transmitted to said terminal device used by the user, said network server notifies said terminal device used by the user of the presence of the information to be transmitted.

—7. (Three Times Amended) A network server connected to a terminal device via prescribed communication means, comprising:

receiving means for receiving an authentication request including information for user authentication and information about terminal specification in response to said terminal device detecting insertion of a memory device storing said user authentication information;

recording means for recording said user authentication information and said information about terminal specification in said server when said user authentication information is authenticated; and

transmission means for converting information to be transmitted to said terminal device into conformed information conformed to said terminal device based on said information about terminal specification, and transmitting said conformed information to said terminal device.

9. (Three Times Amended) A network server connected to a terminal device and via prescribed communication means, comprising:

receiving means for receiving an authentication request including information for user authentication and information about terminal specification in response to said terminal device detecting insertion of a memory device storing said user authentication information;

recording means for recording said user authentication information and said information about terminal specification in said server when said user authentication information is authenticated; and

notice means for notifying when there is information to be transmitted to said terminal device of the presence of the information to be transmitted.

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13. (New) A terminal device connected to a server comprising:

a slot to insert and eject a memory device that stores information for user authentication; and

authentication request means for requesting to said server authentication by sending said information for user authentication and information about terminal specification when said memory device is detected to be inserted into said slot, wherein said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification are stored on said server for future communication with said terminal device when said server authenticates the user.

14. (New) A terminal device connected to a server comprising:

a slot to insert and eject a memory device that stores information for user authentication; and

erase request means for requesting to said server an erase of stored information by sending said information for user authentication and information about terminal specification when said memory device is detected to be ejected from said slot, wherein said stored information including said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification are deleted from said server when said server

authenticates the user.

15. (New) A method executed on a terminal device connected to a server comprising the steps of:

detecting that a memory device storing information for user authentication is inserted into a slot; and

in response to the detection, requesting to said server authentication by sending said information for user authentication and information about terminal specification, wherein said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification are stored in said server for future communication with said terminal device when said server authenticates the user.

16. (New) A method executed on a terminal device connected to a server comprising the steps of:

detecting that a memory device storing information for user authentication is ejected from a slot; and

in response to the detection, requesting to said server an erase of stored information including said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification by sending said information for user authentication and said information about terminal specification, wherein said stored information on said server is deleted from said server when said server authenticates the user.

-17. (New) A method executed on a server connected to a terminal device comprising the steps of:

receiving an authentication request including information for user authentication and information about terminal specification, in response to said terminal device detecting insertion of a memory device storing said user authentication information;

storing said user authentication information and said information about terminal specification on said server when said user authentication information is authenticated;

converting information to be transmitted to said terminal device into information conformed to said terminal device based on said received information about terminal specification;

transmitting said converted information to said terminal device.-